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MEMORIAL STUDENT ARRESTED FOR CAMPUS DRUG DEAL

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced that an 18-year-old Port Arthur high school student was arrested today for conducting a drug deal in the parking lot of Port Arthur's Memorial High School. **DANIEL PATRICK JONES** was indicted Tuesday and charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school.

U.S. Attorney Orwig stressed the seriousness of the charges, "These charges are a prime example of how one bad decision can affect a young person for the rest of their life." If convicted, Jones faces up to 40 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$2 million.

According to the indictment, on April 10, 2006, Jones allegedly left class to complete a drug deal near the school. On May 2, 2006, a federal grand jury returned a sealed indictment charging Jones with drug charges. Jones was arrested today in Port Arthur and a federal judge lifted the seal.

It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence.

The case is being investigated by the Port Arthur Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Englade.

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